

**First 5 SAN BERNARDINO**

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First 5 San Bernardino's "All Aboard the Reading Railroad" returns to Redlands with tools for Early Reading

All Aboard the Reading Railroad returns to the San Bernardino County Museum on November 3rd, 2012 from 9am-2pm, to provide of families of children aged 5 and under with free museum admission, resources, and reading activities as a part of First 5 San Bernardino's annual "Read Early, Read Aloud!" Early Literacy Campaign. A number of agencies and programs will provide school readiness information, community resources and educational material for parents while face painting and balloon art entertain children who will leave with backpacks and books for their journey as early readers.

"We're excited to present All Aboard the Reading Railroad which not only provides access to experience our local museums, but puts tools in the hands for children to take home with their families so that they can excel in kindergarten and beyond," says Karen E. Scott, Executive Director for First 5 San Bernardino. "Early reading can make a world of a difference in a child's learning experience by improving their communication skills, and creating an opportunity for families to bond together through education."

Participating community organizations include Walden Family Services, Volunteers of America, IEHP, Loma Linda University Medical Center, Children's Network, Project CUIDAR, Priscilla's Helping Hands, Social Action Community Health, Community Health Systems, Inc./Bloomington Community Health Center, Chino Valley Unified School District, Community Hospital of San Bernardino and Solomon's Ujamaa Center. Baby, Toddler and Preschool Reading Check-up information will be provided to measure children's progress in reading.

For more information about First 5 San Bernardino's All Aboard the Reading Railroad event or to get early reading information, contact (909) 386-7706 or visit www.facebook.com/first5sb.

About First 5 San Bernardino

The Children and Families Commission for San Bernardino County (First 5 San Bernardino) was created in December, 1998 in order to realize the benefits of [Proposition 10](#) (California Children and Families Act) for the County's youngest residents and their families. The act created a system of programs for the purpose of promoting, supporting, and improving the early development of children from the prenatal stage to five years of age

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